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The
DEADLIEST
IS THE FEMALE...
the STRONGEST
IS THE MALE...
COMBINE THE TWO
WITH THE KILLER
INSTINCT- AND
YOU HAVE
HE-SHE!

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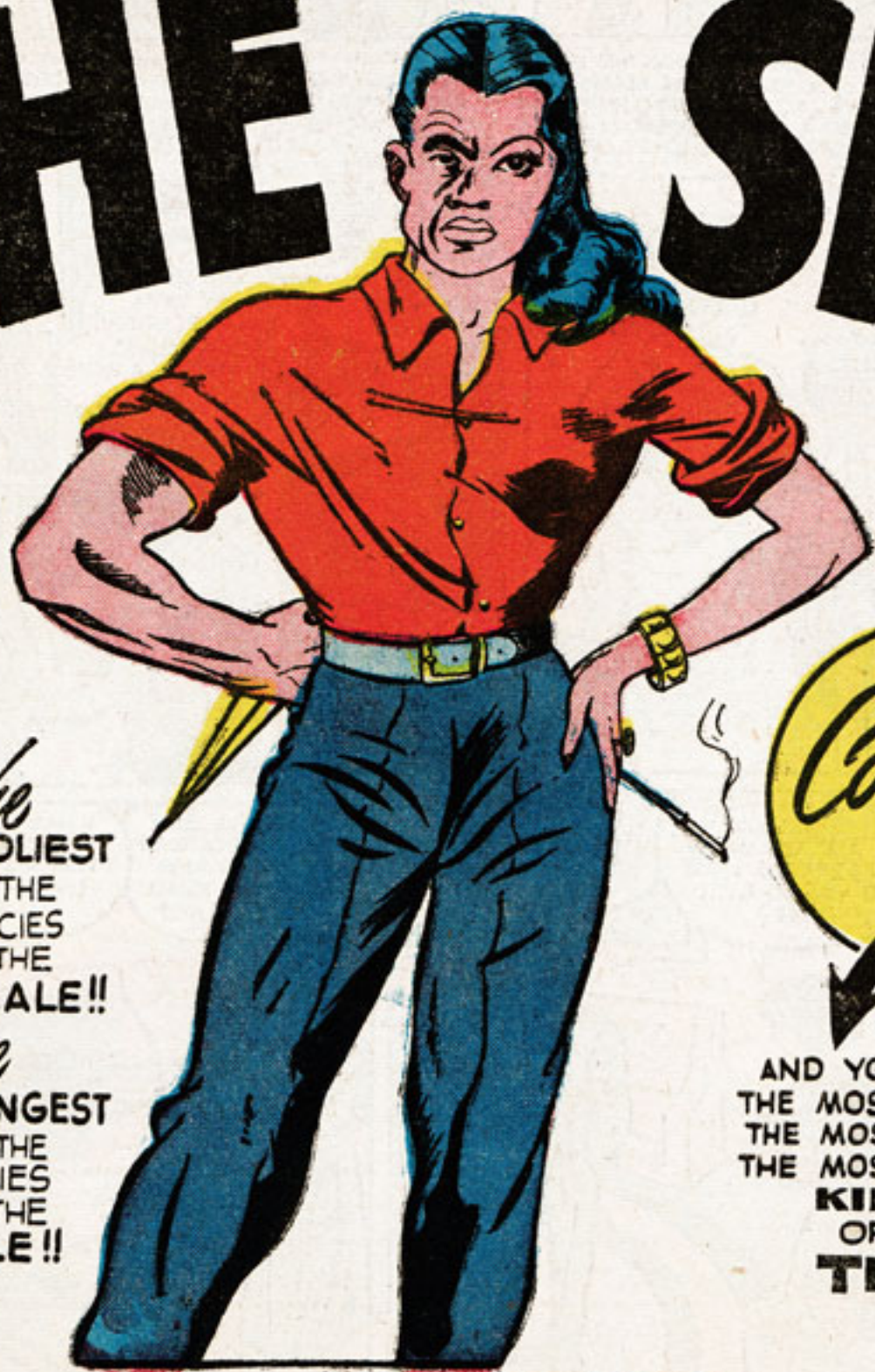
CRIMEBUSTER

meets

BY
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AND YOU HAVE
THE MOST CUNNING
THE MOST VICIOUS
THE MOST FIENDISH
KILLER
OF ALL
TIME!

THIS IS THE STORY OF A THING—NEITHER MAN NOR WOMAN. A PERSON? YES! WITH A SOUL? NO! WE OR SHE—CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL, LIVES IN THESE PAGES AND YOU HAVE THE PRECIOUS KEY TO THE INNER SECRETS OF ITS EXISTENCE!



I BEG YOUR PARDON, MADAM, BUT YOUR SIGN SAYS YOU TAKE BOARDERS! CUTE CAT YOU GOT THERE—LOOKS SMART, TOO!

NEVER MIND THE CAT! ROOM AND BOARD WILL COST YOU \$10.00 A WEEK...IN ADVANCE!



I'LL TAKE IT! IT'S JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR! A COZY ROOM WITH A HOMEY ATMOSPHERE AND HOME COOKED MEALS! A MAN GETS TIRED OF EATING IN CHOP HOUSES ALL THE TIME!

JUST REMEMBER—THIS IS A RESPECTABLE BOARDING HOUSE! NO WILD PARTIES AN' ALL VISITORS OUT AFTER 10 O'CLOCK!

DON'T THINK I'M BOLD, BUT IT'S VERY RARE TO FIND A WOMAN LIKE YOU WHO IS BEAUTIFUL, AN' HAS BRAINS AT THE SAME TIME! TELL ME, WHY IS A GORGEOUS CREATURE LIKE YOU WASTED AWAY RUNNING A BOARDING HOUSE?

YOU SHOULD BE OUT IN HOLLYWOOD MAKIN' PICTURES! I'M WARNING YOU, I'M GONNA ASK YOU FOR A DATE!

OH, GO AWAY WITH YOUR BLARNEY! DON'T THINK I BELIEVE A WORD YOU'RE SAYIN'!



WHAT? YOU WANT ANOTHER \$10,000? WHY, I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU \$25,000! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THAT?

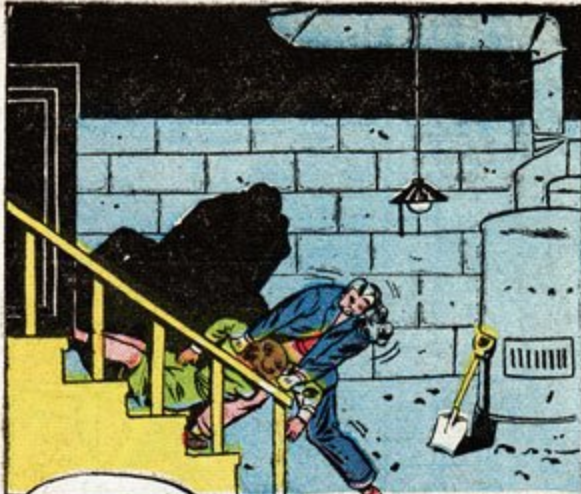
I INVESTED IT! AN' IF YOU EVER WANT TO SEE ANY OF IT AGAIN, YOU BETTER GIVE ME THE \$10,000!

ALRIGHT, I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU THIS TIME BUT IT'LL BE THE LAST PENNY YOU'LL GET OUT OF ME!

WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT SOME OTHER TIME MAGGIE! HURRY UP AN' GET THAT DOUGH!



AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED!



MEOWIN'! YOU WHINING BEAST! SHUT UP BEFORE I KILL YOU, TOO! G'WAN, SCAT!



MEOWWWWW

KITTY, YOU AN' I ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT'LL EVER KNOW YOUR MISTRESS WILL BE SEALED UP IN THE CELLAR WALLS!



CHALK UP ANOTHER PERFECT CRIME FOR HE-SHE!

JUST IN CASE ANY BUSYBODY NOSES AROUND LOOKIN' FOR MAGGIE, I'LL WRITE A LITTLE NOTE FROM MY ADORING WIFE TO ME SAYIN' SHE'S GONE TO VISIT A SICK AUNT IN CANADA! THIS IS CHILD'S PLAY COPYING HER HANDWRITING!



WHAT DO YOU SAY-REYNOLDS? WILL YOU HELP ME? I WANT TO GET IN THE ARMY MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!

YOU'RE TOO YOUNG, **CRIMEBUSTER!** ANYWAY, YOU FORGET THAT I'M ONLY POLICE COMMISSIONER OF THIS CITY-I'M NOT F.D.R.!



BUT YOU COULD TELL THE PRESIDENT I CAN FIGHT A MAN'S WAR! IF YOU'D ONLY SPEAK TO HIM! I KNOW HE'D LISTEN TO YOU!

YOU'RE DOING MORE THAN YOUR SHARE FOR YOUR COUNTRY, **CRIMEBUSTER**, RIGHT HERE!



BESIDES, I'VE GOT MY OWN HEADACHES! DOZENS OF PEOPLE MYSTERIOUSLY DIS-APPEARING WITHOUT A TRACE! IF YOU CAN SOLVE THEM FOR ME, I'LL SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT FOR YOU!

EXCUSE ME, **CRIMEBUSTER!**

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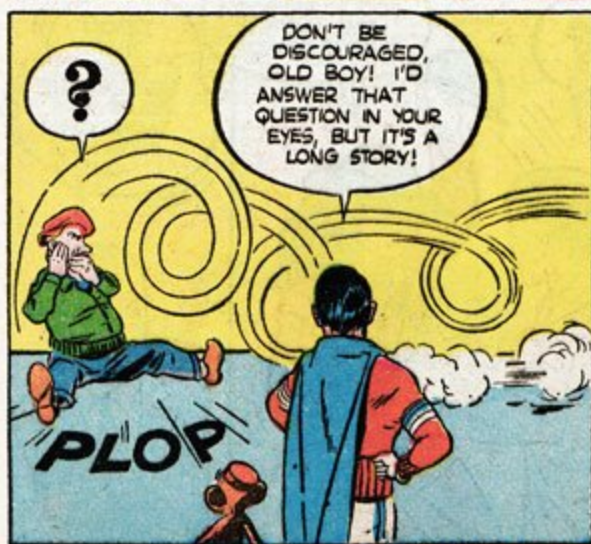














I KNEW THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE HALF MAN AND HALF WOMAN- MOST OF 'EM ARE CIRCUS FREAKS, BUT HOW ARE WE EVER GOING TO CATCH ANYONE WHO CAN BE A MAN ONE MINUTE AN' A WOMAN THE NEXT?



SMOKE HIM OUT WITH HIS OWN GAME! HE-SHE IS BROKE SO HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BLOW TOWN! HE'LL TRY FOR ANOTHER VICTIM! I WANT TO PUT AN AD IN THE PAPER!

AN AD? OKAY, WRITE IT UP AN' I'LL SEND IT IN!

HEY MURPHY- COME IN HERE!



YES SIR!

SEE THAT THIS AD GETS IN TOMORROW'S MORNING BUGLE!



WANTED- GIRL COMPANION FOR WEALTHY AILING, GENTLEMEN- THAT OUGHT TO BRING HE-SHE AROUND! I CAN HANDLE HIM ALONE! DON'T SEND ANY POLICE- YOU'LL SCARE HIM OFF!

WHATEVER YOU SAY, CRIMEBUSTER, BUT BE CAREFUL!



EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AT THE CHANDLER HOUSE!

THAT'S ALL, GIRLS, JOB'S TAKEN!

THAT'S ALL I EVER GET TO HEAR!

WHY DOESN'T HE SEE ALL OF US BEFORE HE DECIDES!

TELL HIM THANKS FOR THE INTERVIEW!



YOU'RE JUST THE GIRL MY UNCLE IS LOOKING FOR! I'M SURE YOU'LL GET ALONG FINE TOGETHER!

YOU DEAR BOY! BUT HAVEN'T WE MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE?



?

YOU'RE NOT FOOLIN' ANYBODY! NOW, WHERE'S THAT 35 GRAND?



DROP THAT GUN, HE-SHE! THE POLICE ARE TAKING OVER FROM HERE ON!



MAR. 1, 1943 - A BODY WAS FOUND - ITS HEAD ALMOST SEVERED - AS YET UNIDENTIFIED.

MAR. 3, 1943 - A SWING SHIFT DEFENSE WORKER CLAIMS HE SAW A GIANT OF A MAN WITH A VISE-LIKE JAW AT 2 A.M. MANY SUCH REPORTS MAKE ONE WONDER - IS IRON JAW DEAD? YOU WILL KNOW FOR SURE WHEN YOU READ THE NEXT CRIMEBUSTER!!



































































THE SKY PHANTOM

a Standard story

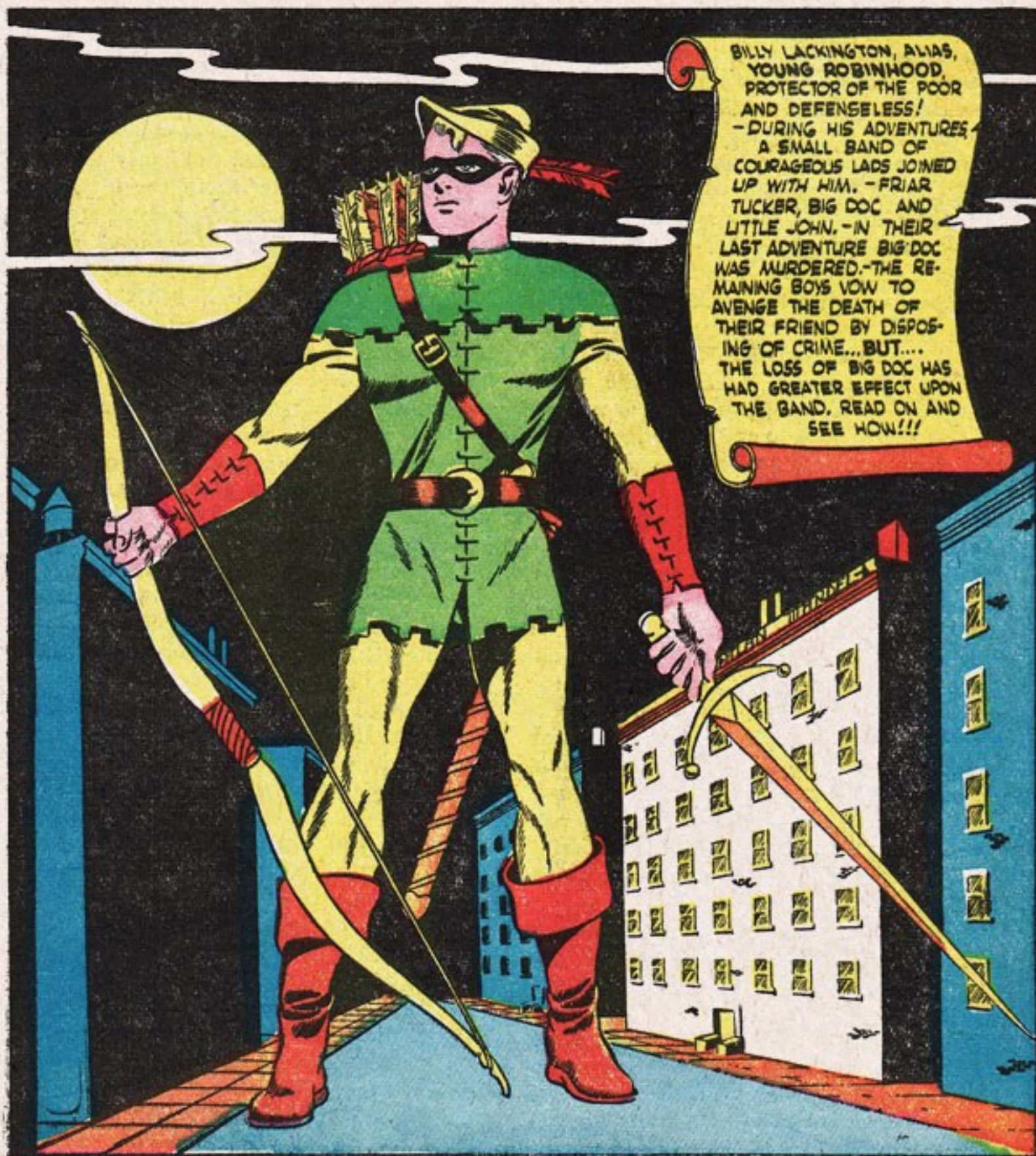




YOUNG

Robinhood

and his **BAND**



BILLY LACKINGTON, ALIAS, YOUNG ROBINHOOD, PROTECTOR OF THE POOR AND DEFENSELESS! - DURING HIS ADVENTURES A SMALL BAND OF COURAGEOUS LADS JOINED UP WITH HIM. - FRIAR TUCKER, BIG DOC AND LITTLE JOHN. - IN THEIR LAST ADVENTURE BIG DOC WAS MURDERED. - THE REMAINING BOYS VOW TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF THEIR FRIEND BY DISPOSING OF CRIME... BUT... THE LOSS OF BIG DOC HAS HAD GREATER EFFECT UPON THE BAND. READ ON AND SEE HOW!!!

IN THE HIDEOUT OF YOUNG ROBINHOOD AND HIS BAND AFTER THE DEATH OF BIG DOC...



GOSH, LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN IS TAKING THIS TOO HARD!

YEAH! LET'S SNAP HIM OUT OF IT!

IT'S NO USE, FELLAS, I CAN'T GO ON! IT'S ALL MY FAULT THAT BIG DOC DIED! I GOT YOU BOYS INTO THIS BUSINESS AND I DON'T WANT TO ENDANGER YOUR LIVES TOO! LET'S BREAK UP THE BAND BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE GETS HURT!

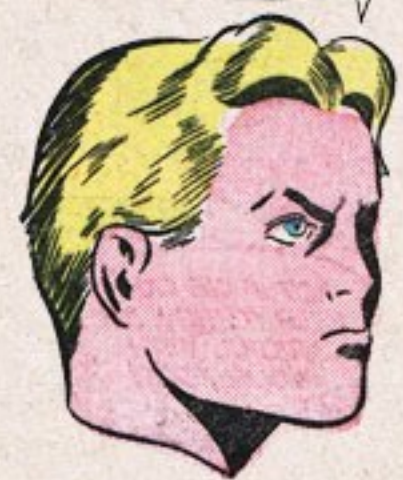
WHAT? LISTEN, ROBIN, WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST AND WE'RE NOT AFRAID!

SURE, BIG-DOC WOULD HAVE WANTED US TO GO ON WITH OUR CRIME SMASHING.

THANKS, BOYS, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LIVES!

WAIT, ROBIN- NO ONE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SAFETY BUT US!

YOU SAID IT, FRIAR TUCKER!



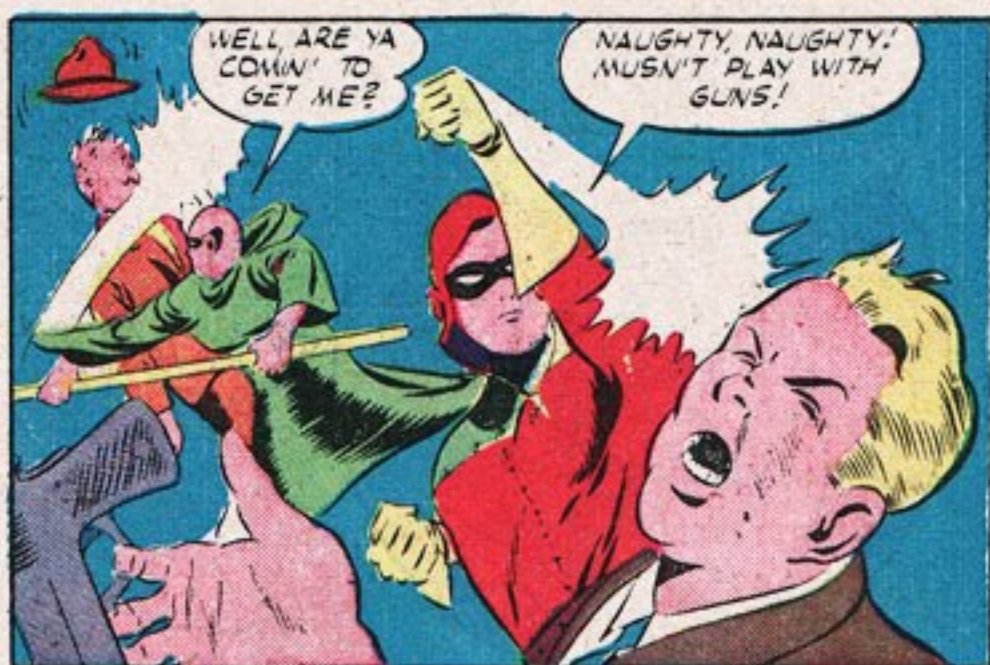
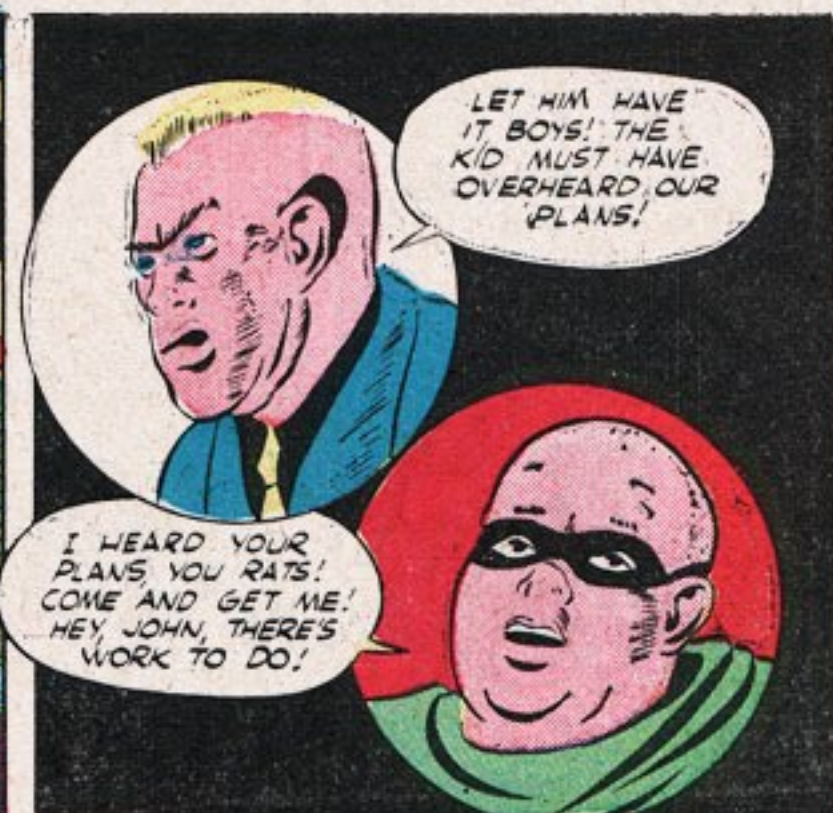
LISTEN, YOUNG ROBINHOOD- IF YOU'RE AFRAID OF YOUR OWN SKIN, GO AHEAD AND QUIT! WE CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT YOU!

LOOK, ROBIN, YOU'RE NOT TURNIN' YELLOW ARE YOU? HUH? ARE YOU?

LET 'IM GO! AT LEAST WE CAN TRY TO KEEP THE VOWS WE MADE WHEN THE BIG DOC WAS KILLED!

SOB SOB







WHILE LITTLE JOHN, BRAVELY
FIGHTS THE ARMED THUG, FRIAR
TUCKER MAKES GOOD HIS
ESCAPE...



IN THE MEANTIME IN ROBIN'S HOME...

IT'S NO USE!
I CAN'T GET
BIG DOC OUT
OF MY MIND!

I'D BETTER TRY
TO GET SOME
SLEEP!

AFTER MANY WEARY
HOURS OF TOSSING,
THE CONSCIOUS-STRICKEN
YOUTH FALLS
INTO A RESTLESS
FITFUL SLEEP...

(MUMBLE...BIG...
DOC...MUMBLE...)

AND IN THE DREAM...

HELLO, YOUNG
ROBINHOOD!
WHAT'S THIS I
HEAR ABOUT YOU
QUITTING? TELL
ME YOU WERE
KIDDIN'!

I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!
NOT YOUNG
ROBINHOOD!

BUT, BIG DOC,
I JUST DIDN'T
WANT THE
OTHERS
TO GET
HURT!

DON'T YOU SEE, BIG DOC-
IT'S NOT ME! IT'S THE
OTHER TWO KIDS! IF THEY'D
GET HURT, I'D NEVER
FORGIVE MYSELF!

..MUMBLE..SO CAN'T
YOU..SEE..MUMBLE...I
WAS...JUST AFRAID
..FOR THEM...SEE...

YOU'RE WRONG, ROBIN!
WRONG! FIGHTING CRIME IS
AS MUCH A DUTY OF EVERY
AMERICAN AS FIGHTING
FOR LIBERTY! GO BACK,
GO BACK TO YOUR
FRIENDS--GO
BACK..GO...

RING



IN A FEW MINUTES YOUNG
ROBINHOOD IS AGAIN ON THE HUNT..



MEANWHILE THE BOSS AND HIS THUGS
RETURNED AFTER BEING PHONED...

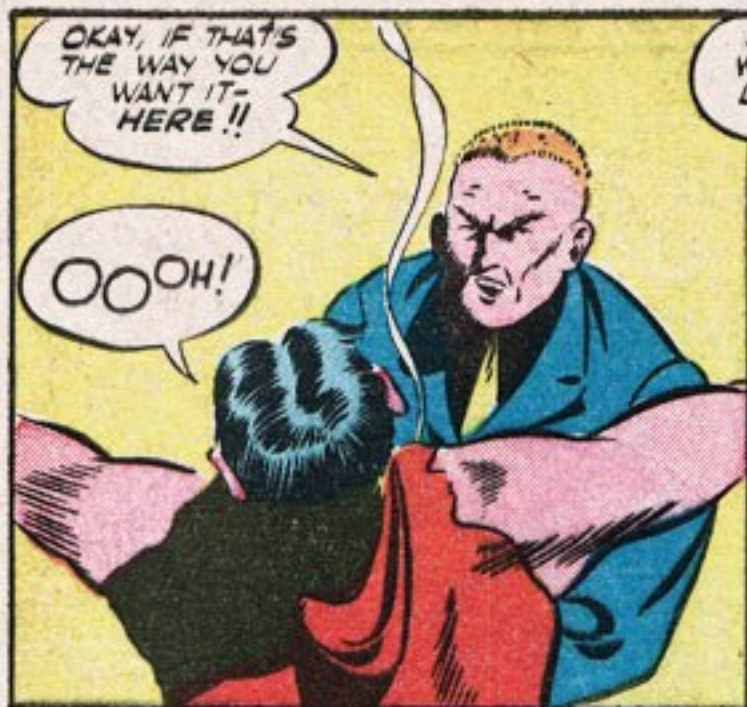


DO YOUR DARNDDEST,
YOU RAT!! I'LL NEVER
LET YOU USE OUR
HIDEOUT!!



LOOK KID, BE NICE!
THIS CIGARETTE BURNS
LIKE ALL HELL! TALK,
OR YOUR SKIN'LL
TASTE SOME HEAT!



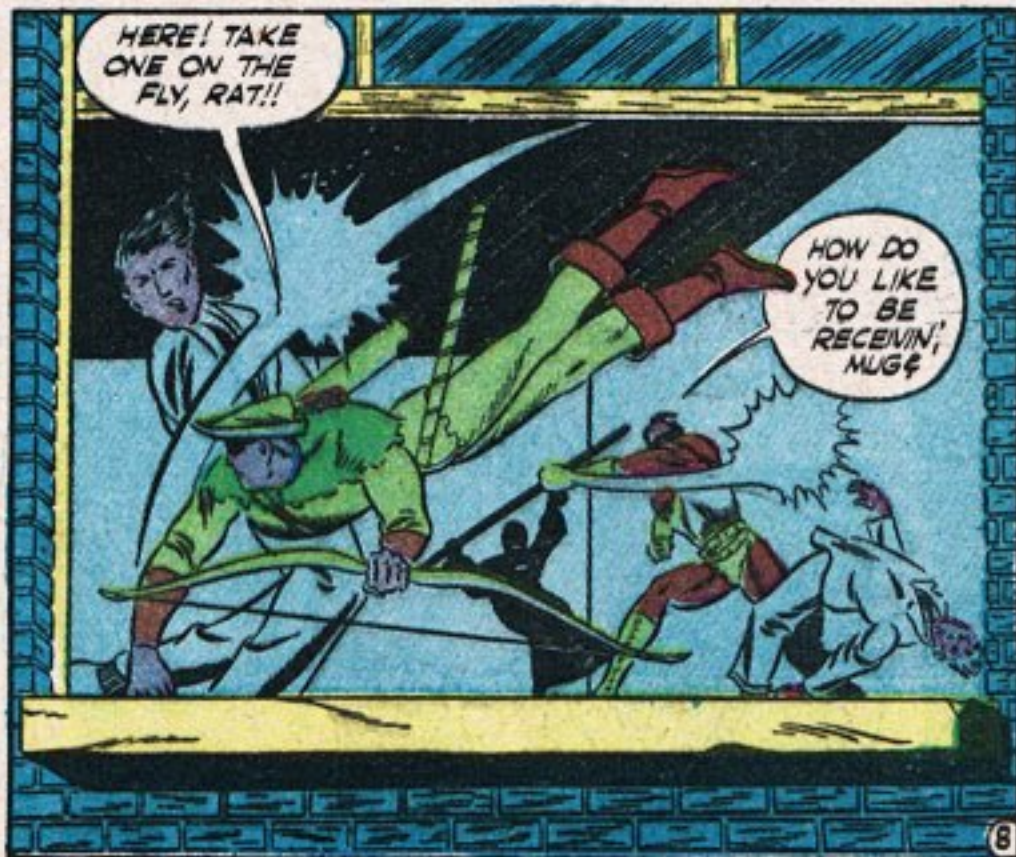
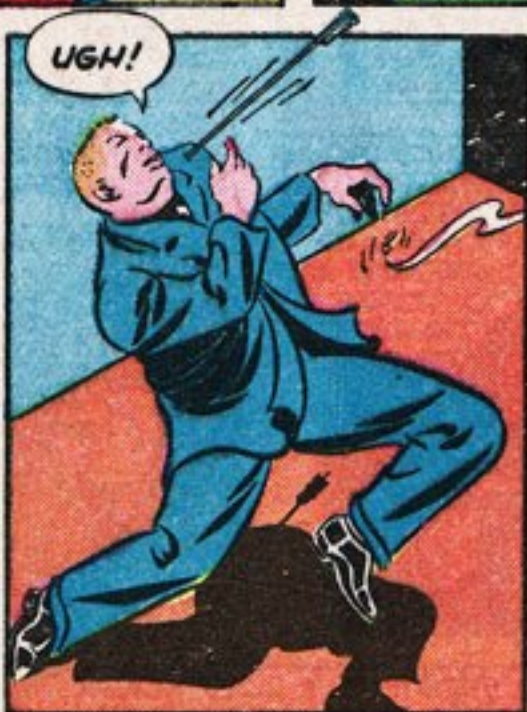


ROBIN! LOOK WHAT THEY'RE DOIN' TO HIM!

GET OUT OF MY WAY, FRIAR!



A STRONG YOUNG ARM PULLS TAUT THE SPRING-LIKE BOW...





AND SO, THREE LADS, CHERISHING THE MEMORY OF A FRIEND, CONTINUE IN THEIR NEVER-ENDING SEARCH FOR CRIMINALS. DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF **BOY COMICS**!! YOUNG ROBINHOOD AND HIS BAND GET INVOLVED IN **WITCHCRAFT**!!







